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Dear Wisconsin Woodland Owner:

Wisconsin's Forest Management Guidelines are designed as a guide to the practice of sustainable forest management in Wisconsin. At their core, these guidelines are designed to ensure that Wisconsin's forest resources are able to meet society's needs today without jeopardizing their ability to provide those same benefits – environmental, economic and social – for future generations. This is what is meant by "sustainable forestry."

This publication is designed to help you understand the value of your woodland and provide you with sources of information that can help you practice sustainable forestry to achieve the values and benefits you seek from your woodland.

You are a steward of one of Wisconsin's most precious assets. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about how you can sustain this asset long into the future.

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